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**CONVERSATIONS
IN CHINESE
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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Movie Battle of Lake Changjin trends:** The Battle of Lake Changjin is trending on Weibo. It is a box office hit and has done tremendous business both in China and abroad. Lake Changjin is located near North Korea and the movie is said to have provided a different perspective from that of the USA. The movie is observed to be attached to nationalist sentiments across social media platforms.
- **A Dog Killed by an anti-epidemic worker:** A video through a security camera shared on Weibo went viral and led to a heated discussion as it showed two anti-epidemic workers entering an apartment and then beating a pet dog with iron rods on heads. The owner was in quarantine in a non-pet-friendly hotel nearby. In response, local authorities through their official account posted that those quarantined are mandated to keep doors open and the door of this flat was closed. It also mentions that the dog was made incapable to cause harm. The accused worker has apologized and is removed from his job.
- **Peacebird accused of Plagiarism:** '#Peacebird repeatedly accused of Plagiarism' has trended on Weibo. Peacebird is a Chinese fashion brand and is accused of Plagiarism for the fifth time this year by different brands and designers for making exact copies of garments in designs and even material. The hashtag received 230 Million views. The fashion brand responded not with an apology but rather a statement that genuine claims of brands can come through legal channels.
- **Research on Origination from Northeast China:** A research published in Journal - Natural was covered by media and led to a heated argument amongst Netizens as it focuses on finding glory in the history of China. The research covered aspects of languages, genetic, and archeology. The findings were that 98 languages including Japanese, Korean, Turkish, Mongolian along with people speaking them Originated from Liaoh Valley in NorthEast China 9000 years ago. (See Image 1)

II. News in China

- Ling Dong, a member of the Seventh Hainan Provisional Party Committee and Director of the Hainan Provincial Department of Transportation has been expelled from the party for accepting a huge amount of property as a bribe for allotment of contracts and appointment of cadres. He is also charged for not disclosing personal matters to the party in accordance with regulations and interfering in the market.

- In an interview by a PLA officer, he revealed that LAC soldiers of PLA live in slab houses and generally have four dishes and one soup for each meal (see image 2) and in terms of medical treatment services are satisfactory. He pointed out that the PLA fighters live thousands of miles inland, and Indians can go home faster from the border and ninety percent of PLA soldiers and officers did not have vacations when they were rotated this year. He stated that: "We encourage people to go there (border areas) and stay in those villages."
- Dai Bing, China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations, stated at the Security Council's open meeting that China supports stable funding to G5 Sahel countries. He said that G5 has strengthened Sahel countries and deepened cooperation in countering terrorism which helped eliminate the influence of terrorism and maintain regional security and stability. He also said China supports the UN's multidimensional integrated stabilization mission in Mali. He emphasized that China is willing to work with the international community to contribute to the long-term stability of the Sahel region.
- China's largest solid-propellant carrier rocket was successfully tested in a joint training test in Haiyang, Shandong. The joint training test has the entire process of the rocket loading from the assembly plant, the transfer of the launch site, and the vertical launch. The rocket "Lijian -1" has successfully completed the test. Sun Siwen, deputy director of the Yantai Aerospace Industry Development Headquarters Office, said that the "Lijian-1" launch vehicle is the first four-stage solid launch vehicle developed by Zhongke Aerospace, and it is currently the largest solid launch vehicle in the country. This rocket is expected to launch in March next year.
- Guangzhou Intermediate People's Court made a judgment on a securities class action case. It promotes the reform and development of the capital market and effectively safeguards the legitimate rights and interests of investors. Court-ordered Kangmei Pharmaceutical to compensate securities investors for losses of 2.459 billion yuan due to false statements in the annual report and other infringements.

III. India Watch

- The Peacebird situation signals negligence towards intellectual property rights and fragile law enforcement in this aspect. Thereby, international brands need to be more aware of this situation in China.

Image 1: Nature releases research - Japanese and Korean may all originate in Northeast China



Image 2: Food being served to PLA officers in areas near LAC.

